

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

CITY OF LOWELL

In City Council

VOTE

Authorizing the City Manager, acting through the Finance Department, to accept and expend a grant in the total amount of \$75,000.00 from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts via the Massachusetts Cultural Council (“MCC”).

The Lowell Memorial Auditorium has been approved for a grant from the MCC in the amount of \$75,000.00; and

The City of Lowell desires to accept and expend said grant funds to support the Lowell Memorial Auditorium.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT VOTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LOWELL:

That the City Manager, acting through the Finance Department, be and is hereby authorized in the name of the City of Lowell to accept and expend a Grant in the amount of \$75,000.00 from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts via the Massachusetts Cultural Council.

BE IT FURTHER VOTED:

That the City Manager, on behalf of the City of Lowell, be and hereby is, authorized to execute any and all documents necessary in connection with said grant from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts referred to above.



Thomas A. Golden, Jr.
City Manager

August 22, 2023

Mayor Sokhary Chau
And
Members of the Lowell City Council

Dear Mayor Chau and Members of the Lowell City Council,

I respectfully request that the City Council vote to accept and appropriate a grant from the Commonwealth in the amount of \$75,000, from the Massachusetts Cultural Council to support the Lowell Memorial Auditorium (“LMA”). This state funding was derived from a bill sponsored by State Senator Ed Kennedy to create a \$200 million COVID relief and stabilization fund for the cultural sector.

My finance team has been working with the Lowell Management Group and Peter Lally, the general manager, to strategize the best use of funds to improve the quality of the LMA. Last week, members of my staff meet with the Lowell Management Group to devise a plan to improve the structure at the auditorium. This funding is only one piece of that plan, but will allow for improvements to be done at the auditorium.

Please do not hesitate to let me know if there are any questions.

Sincerely,

Thomas A. Golden, Jr.
City Manager

Cc: Conor Baldwin, Chief Financial Officer